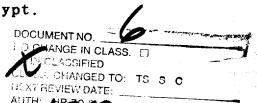
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BACKGROUND

Sudanese Disorders on 1 March

- 1. I March visit Nagib to Khartoum to attend opening first Sudanese parliament precipitated clash some 30,000 pro-independence and pro-Egyptian demonstrators and police resulting 20 deaths, including British police commissioner, and over 100 injured.
- Opening parliament postponed until 10 March.
 Nagib requested leave Sudan "interests of public security."
- 3. Pro-independence Umma Party, headed by the Mahdi, defeated November elections by Egyptian-supported National Unionist Party favoring union Egypt.



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- 4. Tribesmen Ansar sect, religious counterpart
 Umma and faithful followers Mahdi, appear in
 force in Khartoum shouting "Get out both
 British and Egyptians." Spear-bearing
 tribesmen charged police.
- 5. Violence followed wild demonstration 25
 February Unionists on learning Nagib's
 removal when crowd shouted: "No union
 without Nagib."